

THIS IS THE TIME FOR TRADE TRIP SOUTH ALONG MEXICAN WEST COAST

EL PASO should not delay longer the organization of a trade trip to the west coast of Mexico. It should traverse the states of Sonora and Sinaloa. If El Paso does not establish closer trade relations with the west coast and get more business from that section, Los Angeles will profit correspondingly for Los Angeles merchants consistently have agents at work for Mexican business which they secure both by rail and water.

This is about the right time for an excursion. Crops are coming strongly in the great, fertile valleys of Sonora and Sinaloa and the cities and towns whose chief dependence is on agriculture can begin to see how they stand and to gauge the year's business. It looks the best of any previous year.

Information received some time ago told of the great sugar and tomato prospects in Sinaloa and of important industrial developments in the form of railways, power plants, reclamation works and factories in various parts of the west coast country. Later advice says the garbanzo crop of the Mayo valley in southern Sonora is estimated to be worth \$1,000,000 and that a big crop of wheat is being grown, estimates concerning which are yet incomplete. It is also reported that the Yaqui valley in this year coming back into its own, the Richardson Construction company having reached a settlement with the hitherto hostile Yaqui tribesmen who laid claim to the waters of the valley and to much of the land. The Richardson company has spent millions in developing a big irrigation project in the Yaqui valley and much of its vast acreage was colonized by American farmers before the Yaqui troubles forced them temporarily to withdraw. This fine valley ought to yield great crops this year and Guaymas and Hermosillo will feel the effect of that prosperity.

While copper mining at Cananea and Nacozari has slumped, just as it has in the United States, due to the removal of the fixed price in the United States and the glutting of the market, with a metal for which cessation of war caused a sudden falling off in demand, mining conditions throughout Sonora were never better. For while Sonora excels in copper properties, it also has important sources of silver, for which the demand is active and the price high. Arrivals from the Mexican state tell of the greatest activity in the development of silver properties and the production of that metal. There is also some production of copper.

There is so much activity in the Pacific coast states of Mexico that while the slump in copper mining has thrown some thousands of men out of employment they have been absorbed rapidly into other enterprises at high wages, perhaps the highest ever paid in Mexico. As a consequence, there is little involuntary unemployment in either Sonora or Sinaloa.

Moreover, the two states are so nearly tranquil in every way that if any banditry has occurred in them in recent months, it has been negligible. Lives and property in the outlying regions appear to be safe and the Southern Pacific of Mexico, which used often to be harassed by Indians and Mexican brigands, is now constantly improving and extending its service, apparently not apprehensive of any further molestation.

Things are coming El Paso's way again. Big news concerning bridge post construction work and the maintenance of a large military force at Fort Bliss has come to light. It is one of the matters on which El Paso has been concentrating efforts for a long time and the fact that it has been settled favorably means that attention can be diverted to other matters linked up with the city's welfare and progress. Mexico is the chief of these, calling for action at this time, and the fact that western Mexico is more completely tranquil than Chihuahua or Durango or Coahuila is one reason why a trade trip to Sonora and Sinaloa should be put through with a minimum of delay.

A federal official is quoted as saying some parts of Mexico are safe for foreigners to travel in and some are unsafe. That is pretty well understood but the foreigners would appreciate a little more detail as to those localities. Which is which?

Mexico refuses to recognize the Monroe doctrine, but here's hoping that Mexico will not refuse to recognize the ten commandments.

Abe Martin



NOTHING makes us as mad as it have a shoe clerk take off our shoe and then wait on four or five other customers for a half hour. Nothing ever shrinks when you count on the service.

A Line O' Cheer
Each Day O' The Year
BY JOHN KENDRICK BANGE.

THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE.
The tongue of men are many, but the heart is one.
Hath little need of the linguistic art.
For where there's human sympathy the key
Hath potency no language can supply.
It speaks the sense of love in terms so clear
That even the deaf its messages can hear.
And whether you be Roman, French, Chinese,
A Briton, Slav, Egyptian, Sinaloa,
English or Swedish, a Spaniard or a Greek,
Your eye that universal tongue can speak.
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Rippling Rhymes

BY WALT MASON

The Lawn Mower

HOW dear to my heart are the thoughts of the winter, the winter that's gone with a jump and a jerk, when lawyer and banker and tinsmith and printer got snow in their ears when they went to their work. Oh, winter's a season of laughter and loving, of singing the ballad and telling the yarn; but spring is at hand and I soon must be shoveling the rusty old mower that stands in the barn; the clanking old mower, the shrieking old mower, the back-breaking mower that stands in the barn. How sweet is the snow when it's peeping and sitting! I'd gleat off a snow bank, I'd gleat it with a smile; how pleasant the snow when it's whirling and drifting—we don't have to mow it or rake it in piles. The snow is all gone from the hill and the valley, it's melted and gone from the top and the base; I'll have to go playing baseball in the alley, and push the old mower that stands in the barn; the back-breaking mower, the stem-winding mower, the man-killing mower that stands in the barn.

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Tempering The Wind

AN association of oil investors has been formed in west Texas, its purpose being to investigate companies which have not come up to scratch. Particularly it intends to force some companies to an accounting. It wants to know why they have not paid dividends when they have producing wells. In the case of other companies, it wants to know what they have done with the money credited to the possession of the officials and directors by the stockholders for the purpose of getting oil. Threats of forced receiverships accompany announcements of the formation of the investors' association.

This association may do some good. Companies that have producing wells but have failed to pay dividends may be forced into paying or giving satisfactory reasons for continued failure to pay. Companies selling stock may be forced into being more circumspect in their transactions. They may be obliged to be more economical in the matter of expenses. They may put more of their money into drilling and less into "promotion."

There are companies which have in good faith spent the money entrusted to them by their stockholders and yet have failed to get oil. A well may be sunk with utmost skill within a stone's throw of a producer but turn out a "duster." That element of chance has to be taken in any oil seeking enterprise and all investors doubtless understand that. It is to be presumed that the investors' association will have no fault to find with such companies.

But the very class of rascals the association needs most to catch are almost impossible to catch. They are the J. Rufus Wallingfords who are training the public and getting away. If they make any kind of showing at all in the matter of drilling, what can be done with them. Their representations are shrewdly made in the first place with a careful eye against violation of the law against fraud by mail or the obtaining of money under false pretences. They have defenses ready against almost any kind of criminal procedure.

How about civil action? It is not hard, if one has a good case, to obtain a judgment but the collection of it is another matter. It is said the investors' association hopes to recover what is possible, 10, 20 or even 30 per cent out of the wreckage of some of the companies, but even that is doubtful.

The worst part of the whole matter is that the black eye the unscrupulous promoters are giving the oil industry in Texas is hurting badly. It is fast getting to the point where honest men cannot secure capital. That is unfortunate but an inevitable result of the skimming tactics that have been perpetrated in this state. And the investors' association with its very best efforts can temper only slightly the wind to the shore lamb.

El Paso pastors could have found fine illustrations of hope and faith in the large number of men, boys and even women who were fishing in the river, in ponds and even mudpools down the valley Sunday.

Might let Mr. Hohmann wander on the streets of a Texas oil town and be run down and ground underfoot by the wild hordes of rainbow chasers.

A boy of 18 is seeking divorce from his wife, 73 years old, the widow of his grandfather. That woman isn't married. She just took a boy to raise.

Senator Borah seems to have taken from the shoulders of Uncle Sam the task of defending the Monroe doctrine.

Postmaster general Burleson has decided there is too much grief in trying to be autocrat of the telegraph table.

Why should Germany vote on the peace terms? That's one dose that is better swallowed without tasting.

The league of nations is thinking of calling in the president of Switzerland as an umpire.

Premier Orlando is rampaging around as though he were the man who put the It in Italy.

When Dining Car Men Have to Eat On a Train, They Deserve a Raise

By K. C. B.

WALKER D. HINES,
DIRECTOR OF Railroads.

MY DEAR MR. HINES:

I SEE in the papers

THAT YOU'VE raised the wages

OF THE dining car employees.

AND I'M glad.

BECAUSE, MR. HINES,

I KNOW they need it.

AND THEY deserve it.

AND HOW I know.

IS THAT this winter.

I TRAVELED with them.

THROUGH MY states.

AND ON different railroads.

AND DIFFERENT dining cars.

AND I learned to know them.

AND TO sympathize with them.

AND WHEN I'd leave them.

AT THE end of the trip.

PD BID them, goodbye.

IN THE same long of voice.

THAT I always use.

WHEN I'm leaving a sick room.

IN DOUBT.

AND I'D try not to do it.

BUT I couldn't help it.

AND I couldn't help it.

BECAUSE THERE I WAS.

MAKING MY escape.

FROM THE railroad train.

WHERE THERE was nothing to eat.

EXCEPT what they had.

ON THE dining car.

AND ALL I had to do.

WAS GO TO a hotel.

OR A RESTAURANT.

AND ORDER something.

THAT I liked.

AND SIT down and eat it.

WHILE BACK there.

ON THE dining car.

THE DINING car waiters.

AND THE steward.

AND THE cooks.

AND THE dishwashers.

HAVE TO GO ON.

DAY AFTER day.

WITH NOTHING to eat.

EXCEPT THE stuff you carry.

IN THE dining car.

FOR THE passengers.

AND, MR. HINES,

IF I DON'T fair.

FOR A great government.

LIKE THIS one of ours.

TO HIRE men.

AND TREAT them like that.

AND THAT'S why I'm glad.

YOU'VE RAISED their wages.

BECAUSE NOW.

WHEN THEY have their days off.

AND DON'T have to eat.

ON THE dining car.

THEY CAN go somewhere.

AND ENJOY themselves.

AND BUILD themselves up.

FOR THEIR next trip.

AND BESIDES that.

IT WILL give them a chance.

TO BUY a little something.

AT THE eating houses.

AND IN the hotels.

FOR THE dining car employees.

BOTH WHITE and colored.

I THANK you.

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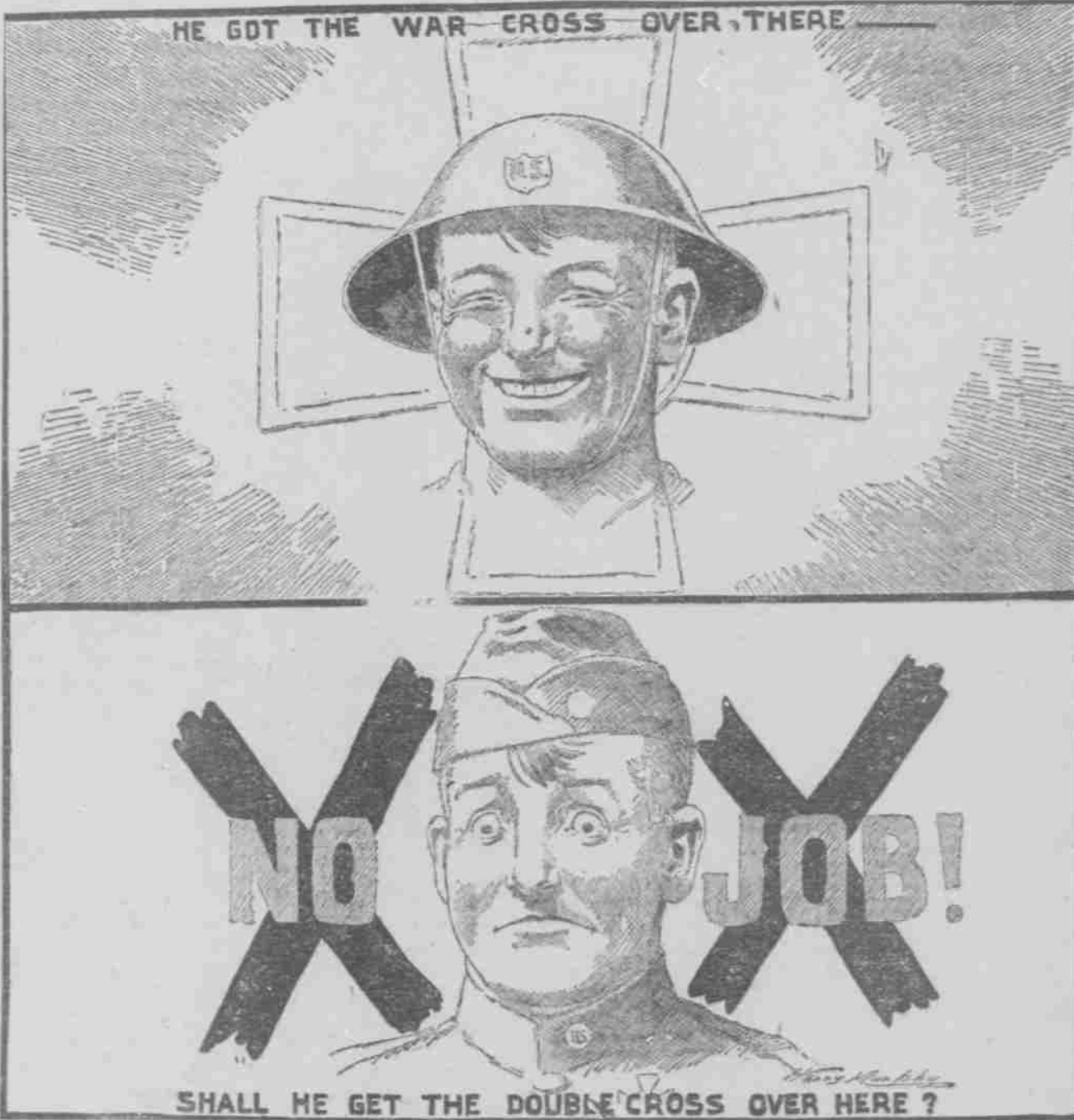
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Still The Vital Question

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Little Interviews

Says a Swimming Pool Would Pay Well on Investment Travel of Tourists Forces the Roads to Add to Equipment

THERE is a golden opportunity in El Paso for a man with money to invest, if he will build a swimming pool," said Alta G. Hillane. The heat in this part of the country is enough to justify one, that is certain, and the return on an investment of that kind is attractive. So, then, the only thing that might prevent it from being a success is a poor arrangement, such as a pool for men only, or one that has no heating facilities for steam rooms or for the bather's comfort. A pool should be built that will receive men, women, boys and girls, under proper conditions. El Paso will undoubtedly welcome such a place if it should be built.

"To accommodate the heavy tourist traffic to California now beginning to return after the winter, we had to get an extra standard Pullman on the Golden State limited from Los Angeles, Calif.," said Garrett King, general passenger agent of the E. P. & S. W. railroad. "We have also had to put on that train another Pullman sleeping car from El Paso, because there were no accommodations left on that train when it reached here from California. I have just returned from California, and they were crowded with tourists all winter."

"I have just spent two weeks traveling in an auto through the principal oil fields of Texas, seeing many of the wells in Wadsworth, Randall, Stephens, Comanche, Brath and Palo Pinto counties, and I found out something about 'wildcat' well drilling that I am confident will be of great use to us who are interested in large oil fields like those at Paloma, Hot Springs in Sierra County, New Mexico, at Hanco Basin and in the Tularosa Basin," said R. L. Rogers of El Paso. "There are men and corporations that make a business of drilling wells for acreage, but they will not pay a cash bonus; they will give an eighth royalty, however. While on this trip I learned of two strong 'wildcat' drilling concerns that were trying to get a deal to drill for acreage about

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Travelette

By NOKSAL

PARIS ISLAND, N. C., is one of the two great marine training stations, the other being at Mare Island, California. During the war more than 75 percent of the marines received their preliminary training at "P. I." The demand for marines and more marines was urgent and as a result the "boot"—a term applied to a greenhorn marine—was rushed through a stiff course of training in the shortest possible time. He was on his toes from the minute he landed on the island until he "pushed off" with his company for overseas duty. The strenuous quality of the eight weeks of training—which required three months in peace time—and the lack of outside diversion, naturally brought about a strong dislike for the place on the part of the "boot." This dislike was not shared by the more seasoned marines, who had become "hard-boiled" and "salty." Paris Island is situated at the mouth of the Port Royal sound, off the southeastern coast of South Carolina. Port Royal, a town of several hundred people, is the nearest point of the mainland. The island is about the size of the District of Columbia and is used exclusively by the marines, save for a few negro families. "P. I." is as sandy as Sahara and just as dry. A marine caught smuggling wet goods into camp usually wakes up in the guardhouse. A kind of palm tree thrives in the sandy soil, but is a poor protection against the torrid sun, which beats down unmercifully upon the islanders the heat-making conditions almost unbearable. The evenings, however, are so cool that blankets are comfortable, even in midsummer. I THANK you.

The Young Lady Across The Way

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"THE young lady across the way says I'm living in the country isn't what it used to be and many country homes which are too far from the city for regular ice deliveries have their own isolation plants."

14 Years Ago Today

From The Herald of This Date, 1905.

REPORTS from Shanghai state that the Japanese fleet was reported yesterday off Lungsoi bay near Hainan Island. It is believed the fleet will strike the Japanese and reach the Pacific unopposed.

Larado, Texas, was visited by a terrific tornado. The loss of life is estimated at between 20 and 25 persons and the damage to property is large. The storm lasted about an hour.

A large number of people left on the Baptist Sunday school picnic Saturday morning.

A number of young men were hosts at a dance on Friday evening at the K. P. hall.

On Wednesday the department of letters and art of the Woman's club met for the last time this club year. Mrs. Valentine presided.

The Thursday afternoon club met with Mrs. Richard Burgess.

A. J. Sharpe, El Paso's representative in the state legislature, is in the city today.

E. V. Harrison, L. Samaniego and Henry Welch, delegates from the local lodge of the Knights of Columbus, left last evening on the Texas and Pacific for Galveston, where they are to attend the convention in that city.

The executive committee to make arrangements and advertise the meeting of the American Anti-Tuberculosis League has been named by a chamber of commerce. Dr. W. C. Viles, secretary and treasurer of the league, was chosen as chairman of the committee. The committee includes G. P. Putnam, Zach Lumar Cobb, Dr. Hugh Carson, Rev. Robert (Bryce Smith) D. D., Mrs. R. F. Hammett, Charles De Groot, J. C. Wil-

By Harry Murphy

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Where's Service Department.

Q. What is the longest word in the English language? A. S.

Q. The longest word in the English language is "disestablishmentarianism," employed by the Barnabites at the time of the establishment of the Irish church in 1871.

Q. How many officers of the rank of "general" are there now in the U. S. army? A. 6.

Q. There are three "generals," Gen. John Pershing, Gen. Taylor M. P. and Gen. Bliss. It is the first time in American history that we have had three "generals."

Q. How can I clean white gloves? A. To clean kid gloves when slightly soiled take a teaspoonful of powdered French chalk. Put the gloves on the hands and rub the chalk into the palm of one and rub the hand and fingers together as if washing your hands. Take off the gloves without shaking them and lay them aside for a night. Put them on and clean the hands or wipe the gloves with a clean cloth.

Q. What is the difference between the 2nd Pioneer Infantry regiment and the 3rd Infantry regiment? A. B. W.

Q. Regiments in different branches of the service frequently have the same numbers. "Pioneer Infantry" and "Pioneer Cavalry" are distinctive branches of the service, doing different lines of work. The 2nd Pioneer Infantry regiment is attached to the First army corps of the First army in France. At present it is located in Tennessee. The 3rd Infantry regiment is attached to the 11th brigade of the Sixth division at Albany in New France.

Q. To what terms of commercial insurance can war risk insurance be converted? A. G.

Q. War risk insurance can be converted at any time within five years to ordinary life, 25-payment life, 10-payment life, 20-payment life, 30-year endowment and endowment maturing at age of 65.

Q. Any read of The Herald who wants the facts on any subject can secure prompt service by writing to the El Paso Herald information bureau, Frederic J. Haskin, director, Washington, D. C. Send your question briefly and enclose a 3-cent stamp for return postage. All inquiries are confidential, the replies being sent direct to each individual.

Little Chris

"MOTHER," said Little Chris, "when rabbits go out to hunt for little ones, what if they made a mistake sometimes and get little bunnies instead of little bunnies?"

More Truth Than Poetry

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE.

WE moaned about our income tax; it laid a load upon our backs—We surely said—that weighed like lead. And soon was bound to break us. We vowed that if the government stepped in and took our every cent We'd pay the bill and starve until The wolf should overtake us.

BUT when our neighbor told us that the income tax had left him flat, That he could see he soon would be A wholly hopeless debtor, That he'd disposed of all his stocks and cleaned his safe-deposit box, And had to sell his car as well, We felt a whole lot better.

OUR heart was emptied of all cheer when told that whisky, wine and beer And other booze we must not use When gentle June has ended. We feared that we might break the laws, and felt disquieted because The consequence of this offense We gravely apprehended.

BUT when our neighbor said that he, deprived of his fortnightly spree, Would soon be left of sense bereft, Mad, raving and demented, We suddenly began to think that though we missed our daily drink We should not mind, and felt resigned And vastly more contented.

TWAS ever thus—when things look bad you fancy you are going mad; You moan and groan, and groan and howl, And show your streak of yellow; You cringe and cower from the shock and think you'll go jump off the dock; But life again seems tranquil when They hit the other fellow!



North, D. G. Baldwin, Dr. A. E. Brown, Henry Ware Allen, John M. Wray, I. A. Shedd, E. E. Welch and W. W. Fink. R. M. Mayes, cashier of the City National bank of El Paso, has returned from Las Cruces, N. M., where he had gone to attend a meeting for the purpose of organizing the First National bank there.

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